# THE WASHINGTON TIMES.

FRANK A. MUNSEY.

A Step Forward.

In ratifying the new Hay-Paunce fote Treaty, the United States Senate has been conspicuously American. That is what the people demanded. The isthmian canal is the next logical step toward the development of insular facilities. And it is likely to prove a gigantic factor in the settlement of the problems that have followed the development of the fateful policy of expansion, a policy that was as inescapable from the American viewpoint as the policy of progress-

While there are lesser obstacles to the piercing of the isthmus, it is believed that the only real stumbling block has been demolished. The completion of arrangements for territorial privileges and legislation for the actual work of digging the ditch will require time. But the period for preliminaries should be cut down to the minimum.

Already grave doubts have been expressed in some quarters as to whether the isthmian canal will pay. These doubts seem to be premature. It may require half a century to tell. There is every reason to have confidence in the optimisitic opinion that it will pay in progress and prestige, if not at once in pennies.

There is no system or precedent large enough to successfully measure in dollars the result of a giant enterprise in a section of the world which is just viewing the rosy dawn of its development.

### May Do Injustice.

Washington electricians have been aroused to opposition against Senate bill No. 1466, introduced by Mr. Mc-Millan. The stated object of the measure is to regulate electrical wiring in the District. It requires that contractors and employes shall pass an examination before a board to be appointed, and, upon proving themselves competent, shall pay an annual fee for the privilege of following their pursuit. The bill further provides a penalty for all owners of buildings who knowingly employ an unlicensed electrician.

It is presumed that the purpose of this proposed law is to safeguard the community against fire caused by defeethe wiring. Theoretically, many mysterious blazes have been due to leakages of electrical current.

Upon superficial consideration, the Senate till appears to be a commendable one. The city, beyond question. has a right to demand protection against bengling work which may earry with it the menace of a disastrous conflagration

Whether it is fully just that men it. who have for years carried on a trade, and are fitted through long experieuce to continue it, should be compelled to undergo a purely technical and theoretical ordeal is another hara-kiri would go do it. question. Some of these men may be thoroughly competent for their work, yet anable to demonstrate it by the limited means of pen or word of

This phase of the matter will bear full consideration. Perhaps some modification will prevent grievous in-

## England's Moses.

England's growing crisis has forced Lord Roschery back into polities because the ex-Premier is a patriot. His herole lendership, who realized the with coap and a brush. gravity of the situation. Rosebery's speech must have put

the Conservatives on the rack of agony, for he was spectacularly candid. The truth was repeatedly thrust home, though it reopened old wounds and drew blood. But, though every blemish on the escutcheon was pointed out as with a limelight and deseelbed with a bluntness calculated to make even the ossified adherents of old-fogylsm wince, the world is more inclined to be charitable with Great Britain today than It was before the strengers life to his opponents. Howhery stepped to the front.

Reselvery wants unity and reform. He seeks to care the corruption in English government by purifying the fount inhead. He opposes the conthoused pursuit of policies known to ready making wry faces. be relicous on the excuse that there can be no retreat or compromise after the first steps have been taken. He desires that his country cultivate the friendship of nations and cease doing those blind things which threaten universal batred and com-

Rosebery has shown his country Rosebery has shown his country, engagement is reported from South Africa. Britain, all treaties between the countries men the way to the Promised Land. One feer lost a wisp of whiskers, another would for the time, at least, be suspended to the seen whether they broke his alterup, while the English general would for the time, at least, be suspended, while other nations would be in no It remains to be seen whether they will let him lead them thither.

## Mr. Gillette's Reply.

For a long time the British critic has been singing his swansong of American degeneracy and has run the gamut from becomotives to literature and from steel to the stage, It is with gratification, therefore, that his countrymen will read of William Gillette's speech at the dinner of the Old Playpoers' Club, in London, The brainy plays right and actor took the opportunity to reply to the innuendo directed at the drama in the United States, making some apt comparisons with the more venerable but scarcely superior histrionism of the mother country.

Mr. Gillette's experience on both sides of the Atlantic makes him especially capable of just and equitable omparison. He himself is too keen und conscientious a critic to allow patriotism alone to influence his judg-

He remarked to our British kinspien that if the American stage was real thing.

going to the dogs, it was going in preity good company. There was an undertone of irony in his address for the defence which will doubtless be more fully appreciated by the English critics a year or so hence.

### Wanted-A Solomon.

The Poindexter case is peculiarly pathetic. James Poindexter was sent to the workhouse for violating an excise law. He sold a friend some whisky from a bottle kept in his own house. The sale was made on Sunday morning. The violation was a techpical one, so far as known.

Poindexter's incarceration may have been just. But when he went to the workhouse, a wife and four children became the victims. The woman has petitioned the Commissioners for a pardon. In her prayer she recites that she and her little ones are destitute. They have no one to temper the blasts of winter. They are without fuel and meagrely provided for in the way of clothing.

The mother prays that the man in the workhouse be permitted to go free because his family needs the support of his labor. The Commissioners are touched by the appeal. They regret, however, that they are poweress to grant the petition.

At times red tape is most obnoxous. If is in eases of this kind that formality excites disgust, and the Circumlocation Office of Dickens is recalled as a conspicuous parallel.

Because Poindexter has incurred the penalty of the law is no reason why a woman and four children should suffer from cold and hunger,

The White House is not a great distance from the District Building. If the Commissioners' hearts are touched by the justice of the appeal, proposed legislation, and probably neither and their hands are bound, the President limself should be acqualated with the case. We are inclined to believe abar Mr. Roosevelt will act the

What has become of the little china mugs barked "For a Good Child," and the Children who uses to get them for Christmas?

Professor Garner claims to have taught a chimpunzee two English words; and it is to be hoped that fying in some essential particulars, it they are not the kind taught fresheaught parrots.

The Reverend Gilbert Reid seems to be bent on preaching to the world the Gospel of Loot.

Apparently Mr. Carnegie was quite rendy to put his trust in Uncle Sam, a unit. if Uncle Sam had been prepared for

Life would be less complex, but also less amusing, if all the gentlemen who ought to commit political

Somebody wants to know what the anarchists are going to eat when they are settled in their Island colony, The chances are that they will eat their words; and that will take a

Miss Elsie De Wolfe claims that the blands are held States in full sovereignty. there are some dogs whose souls of the speeches of Messrs. Swanson, Senator and Mrs. Bulliver. Colonel and Shefroth and De Armond, which in some Mrs. Bingham, Solicitor General and Mrs. Bingham, Solicitor Gener which is better not mentioned.

Perhaps some wise person will speech at Chesterfield was a revela- claim that the recent epidemic of ratification of the causi treaty with Engtion. The world had almost begun to sensations in the District is due to land, which took place on Monday. A helieve that there was no man in son spots; but if there is anything in general feeling of pleasure was expressed Great Biltain, no man capable of this stunctionly ought to go up there at the near approach to unanimity in the

> lowed an iguana; and this is about as nized that the nearly solid vote in favor will beriev one faction of the Demo-erativ party to assimilate the other

If the weather is going to continue to turn somersaults it may be well to get straw hats and parasols ready for the next lightning change

Mr. Roosevelt seems to have left And their far they bayen't made much

Roschery's dose is a bitter one for some Englishmen, and they are al-

## CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

In Every Country.

Boston Journal The true putriot is

### Horrors of the Boer War. Nashville American Another terrible engagement is reported from South Africa.

broke his stirrup, while the English general's plane was severely, if not fatally The Strennous Life. Buffalo Express An Oswego married pair found employment within two bour by parading the streets of Syracuse wear

ing placards saying that they wanted

But there will still be people who

### prefer to sit down, without placards, and complain about the plutocrats. When a Woman Will, She Will.

St. Louis Star A matrimonial club a Harlem, composed wholly of women, has broken up an anti-matrimonial club, comed a member and married him An Infailing Indication

### Detroit Free Press-The work of the comic artists" in the Sunday newspaper. can always be detected by the fact that the pictures are not comic and the men

that draw them are not artists.

Preparing for the Millennium. Beston Herald-How virtuous New York is getting to be! It looks as if the expiring municipal administration were de-liberately overdoing the enforcement of

### UNDER THE CAPATOL'S DOME.

Senator James K. Jones, the Democratic national chairman, and chairman of the Democratic Senatorial caucus, is measurably indignant at the statement which has been given currency to the effect that his recent elegition to the latter position was temporary only, and that some other Senator was the choice of the caucus as its permanent presiding officer. He says that there is literally no truth in the statement; that the caucus has the power at any time to change its chairman, but that if there is such a de sire in this instance it has yet to make iself manifest, and that the election in his case was as much a permanent one as such elections ever are. Insemuch as the Senator is in full possession of the minority conference room by virtue of his chairmanship, his statement seems to ispose of the matter completely and eave nothing more to be said.

When the House of Representatives is a Committee of the Whole for the discussion of public measures much latitude of debate is usually allowed, and the speeches of members frequently have but remote bearing, if any, upon the provisions of the bill under consideration. The debate of the bill temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands and for other cognate purposes, as developed yesterday, was no exception to the rule, slibnigh, in general, the speakers did talk about matters that were at least in a way connected with the purposes of the bill. There was, how-ever, very little said that had much di-rect bearing upon the main features of the hill. These are the continuance in force of the revenue law enacted by the Tury Commission, and the application to be islands of the provisions of the Ding-

In stating the scope and purpose of the neasure, Mr. Payne, the Republican floor leader, said it was made necessary by the recent Supreme Court decision, holding that the islands are no longer foreign territory, and that consequently the Dingley tariff does not apply to goods imported from them, but, beyond this, his speech was mainly an exposition of the character of the Tait government, what 21. He will come directly to Washington it is doing for the improvement of

Philippine conditions, and what it is honed may be accomplished in the future. It can hardly be said that either Mr. Payne or General Grosveror, who spoke later on the same side, threw much new light upon the sublect covered by the thought it necessary to do so. Both argued strongly that the measure was exceedingly liberal to the Filipinos, in that the moneys collected under the Taft design revenue law were to be covered into the treasury of the Philippine Islands, to be used locally for their benefit. But neither gentleman said any thing as to the figuresity, upon the grounds of public policy, for separate tariff regulations, which, from their point of view, would seem to be the main reason underlying the legistration proposed If, however, the speeches of these two Republican leaders were not quite satistheir opponents also failed squarely to meet the issue as presented. The Democratic contention was that the islands ought to be absolutely free and independent. The great salient fact which stares them in the face in that the islands are not free and independent, but under the asvereignty of the Listed States. Upon that point the Supreme Court seems to be a unit. If the sovereignty of the United

the legislation should be, To a listener it seemed that the best would have been to argue that the "Con-stitution follows the flag." In this they would have had the support of four mem bers of the Supreme Court, but when they planted themselves upon the ground simply that the islands ought to be free, they were indulging in mere abstractions for 28 a political, in contradistinction to a legal proposition, they were unwilling to

province of Congress to legislate for the

clearly within the

States attaches, it in

respects were admirable

Yesterday there was much interest vote, and the result was regarded as a marked diplomatic triumph for Secretary A snake in New York recently swal- Hay. At the same time the fact is recoguncomfortable a performance as it of ratification does not in any sense fairly represent the feeling of the Senate as Many voted for it who would have had

t very different if they could. This probably is true of Republicans as well at Democrats. But most of them recognized the fact that it takes "two to make a bar gain," and that Great Britain necessarily had something to say with reference the terms of the compact. It is clea though, that in England the treaty is r garded as a complete surrender by the British Government, and the action of the Senate is taken is indicate that upon the whole we have no reason to be disactis-fied. With many Senature the abrogation of the Clayton Belwer Treaty was the chief inducement for their affirmative votes. This old part was the only legal ground upon which any European State could object to the extension of our juris liction and sovereignty in Central Ameri ca. The mere abrogation of that treaty would, in itself, have left us with an ab-solutely tree hand in that quarter so far as England is conceaned, and the Sena-tors voting to ratify do not believe that any of the neutrality provisions will seriously imapper as in the event of war. Treaties are designed to meet and cover reful conditions. Should a war break between the United States and Great Thus it is argued, and probably it is true. Nor is it deer likely that all any time England we seriously object to our making due p nion for the defence of the waterway.

## FOREIGN TOPICS.

Another Pamous Neckince.

The German Empress has the fines searl necklace in existence. It contains hree world-famous tecklages. One of bem formerly belonged to the ex-Queer Numles and another adorned mage of the Virgin of Atakus. Th ire necklace is and to be worth \$500

## Jokai's Family Quarrels.

Maurus Jokal, the fatheus Hungarian sceller, who resently married a young rife to the intense disgust of his family, the wife of the great Hungarian paint Arpad de Feesty, for removing n wre his first wife. Rosa Labortaloi.

John Bull's Big Backetbook. A statistician estimates that Great Britain is so much more wealthy than France that if the two field to fight to goodness in the metropolis in order to a finish Great Britain could apend £400, give the people a stiff foretaste of the cool,000 for every £300,000 soo spent by real thing.

## IN SOCIETY.

DANISH ISLAND PROTOCOL.

Document of Sale Rendy for Signa-

ture of King Christian.

State Department yesterday that no defin-

Denmark as to the purchase by this coun-try of the Danish West Indies.

Negotiations, it was admitted, were

progress, as they had been ever since 1871

and perhaps showed more encouraging

It is understood, however, that terms

igrecable to both sides have been reach-

ed, and that a protocol containing them

No admission as to the price to be said

a obtainable, but it is said by trustworthy

people that \$5,000,000 is very near the cost

and the islanders will be left to action by

INTEREST IN BOER CAUSE.

Church Sign Petition to Congress,

A petition urging Congress to adopt

Twentieth and G Streets, last evening. It

will be forwarded to Congress with peti-

tions which are now being circulated in

all parts of the country for the same

the congregation for the purpose of rais

ing money to relieve the women and chil-

by Mrs. Mitchell, who will forward them

to an agent of the church at Cape Town General Pearson, representative in this

among the women and children of the

Boers in the British concentration can pe

six months among the women and chil-dren was 13,941, whereas the total of mer

killed of the Boer army since the war be

rses and mules to South Africa

"If your country had not exported

used in warfare against us, the war would have been ended long ago," said General

Pearson. "It is ridiculous for the British

the field. It is natrue when they ray that we do not carry on civilized warfare; we have \$2,000 men in the field, and they are

all fighters and will lay down their lives for liberty and the independence of the South African Republics."

MR. BECK'S "POSSUM" DINNER.

tains Official Confreres.

Department of Justice gave a "possum"

dinner at Harvey's last night to a number

Rheims, France,

of red holly.

Assistant Attorney General Beck of the

A successful attempt at originality had

From the alpha of the Blue Points to

the omega of the demitasse the spread was dazzlingly epicurean.

With the coffee and cigars entered the

persitlage of jest and badinage of story, and the legs of some cracking good story tellers were stretched under the table.

Those present were James M. Wright, marshal Supreme Court: W. B. Ridgely, Comptroller of Currency John E. Wilkie, Chief of the Secret Service: P. C. Knox,

Atterney General; John K. Richards, Sc.

licitor General; Henry M. Hoyl, Assistan

Attorney General: John G. Thompson, Assistant Attorney General: John Q. Thomp-

son, Assistant Attorney General; Willis

Van Devanter, Assistant Attorney Gener

a) of the Treasury Charles C. Long, Private Secretary to the Attorney General; Louis A. Bradt, W. W. Wilber, M. Knox, H. L. Burnett, James W. Becker, John M.

Carson, William M. Johnson, H. C. Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, J. H. Buckein-

SEVERE ON COUNTERFEITERS.

Secretary Gage Proposes Extra

Of the 600 cases handled annually,

he was, "of crimes of counterfeiting, nearly 50 per cent are those of persons previously consided of similar offences." Scientify diage's bill imposes the maxi-

years additional on third, and a twenty

JUDGE COX RESIGNS DEANSHIP.

Charles W. Needham Becomes Head

of Columbian Law School,

Judge Waller S. Cox, dean of the Co-

effor, subject to the approval of the

lungs Cax has been connected with the

their regret at his resignation. The rea-son given for severing his connection with the law school is ill health. Item Needbart presented a report at

he Saturday meeting, noting the changes which have taken place in the law school in the past four years.

Bill to Label Shoddy.

Representative Grosvepor of Ohio in

troduced a bill in the House yesterday

providing that goods of mixed wool and catton shall be labeled and the propor-tion of each ingredient given. The object

of this bill is to place shoddy on the

al: Maurice D. O'Connell, Solicitor Ger

en made in decorating the table.

to say we have only 6,000 or 7,000 men

He said that the total deaths in the

A musical and literary entertalument

Con tress.

The status of the islands

development now than ever before

Second in importance to the Kubelik oncert yesterday afternoon was the programme of recitations given by Miss Ele Foster, of Boston, in the drawing room of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Walcott, of

2112 S Street The numbers included several dialect aketches, followed by selections from Eugene Field. Miss Foster will give another recital on Friday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stilson Hutchins.

Another fashionable happening of yes terday afternoon was the private view of the Powell paintings in the hemicycle of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. The exhibition is under the patronage of Mrs. J. B. Henderson, and in addition to the work of Mr. Powell there were portraits by Benjamin Constant, the Princess Lwoff, and M. Markovsky, who is now engaged upon a portrait of the Countess Cassini.

Mrs. Enoch Totten has issued invitations for a fancy dress dance Monday, December 304

Admiral Melville was the guest of honor at a dinner given for him Monday night at the New Willard by Dr. and Mrs. William May.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira E Cole, of 715 Eig 1th Street northeast, celebrated the fortleth anniversary of their marriage by gathering their children and grandchildren about them to do honor to the event. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Cole and family, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas

J. Gates and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Van Doren and family, Miss Nettle E. Cole, Mr. Arthur G. Cole, Miss Jennie Helen Graham, and Miss Mattle Anthony. The Baroness Hengelmuller, wife of the Austrian Minister, will give her first reg-

ular reception Saturday evening, Decem-

She will continue her weekly receptions each Saturday following throughout the The French Ambassador, M. Jules Cam bon, will sail from Havre on December

on his arrival. Mrs. Hackett, wife of the ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy, will receive this afternon, but in future will be at home to

her friends on Fridays. The third meeting of the Blue and Grey Euchre Club was held December 11 at the home of Miss "mma Tibbetts. The prizes were captured by Mr. W. Brearley and Miss M. Yeager. The participants were the Misses H. Lockwood, M. Yeager, E. Girouard, A. Girouard, F. Girouard, N. Lowe, C. Lowe, L. Farrow, F. Ball, E. Tibbetts, and Mrs. Tibbetts, and Messrs. E. L. Wright, W. H. Collins, A. B. Simons, jr., W. Brearley, J. D. Entwisle, Tibbetts, C. Muller, E. D. Royster, and

lice Anderson, will be at home at the Portland Mondays in January. Miss Grace Day, who was one of the

Mrs. Thomas C. Anderson, wife of Just

debutantes of last year, will spend this Assistant Attorney General Enter. winter also with her brother-in-law and sister, Senator and Mrs. Martin, of Vir ginia

Mrs. Terry, wife of the commandant o the navy yard, and Miss Terry enter- c. gentlemen in public life, including tained a large number of friends at a tea on Monday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock. The ladies who assisted in dispensing the hospitalities of a very delightful afternoon were Mrs. Hackett, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Mrs. Roe, ition the Democrats could have taken Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Southerland, Mrs. Ebbs. Mrs. Gillet. Mrs. Wood, Miss Wallace, Miss Sands, Miss Logan, Miss Miller, of Baltimore, and the Misses Porter, of

Mrs. J. Dorman Steele, of Elmira, has arrived in Washington to be the guest of Mrs. David Jayne Hil' for the season.

At the dinner given by the Secretary e question upon the hypothesia of Agriculture on Monday evening, the blands are held by the United guests were the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock, Lieutenant General Richards, Miss Paelos, and Mr. Jasper Wilson

> Mrs. Robert Portner, of Vermont Avenue, gave a tea yesterday afterno to introduce her debutante daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Rider anounce the murriage of their daughter, Rosabelle Stanford, to Mr. Joslah Edson, on Monday, December 16, Mr. and Mr. Edson will reside in Chicago.

Baron Herman, of the German Embass who will soon sall for his native land, will be given a dinner by his friends this at the Matropolitan Club. Mrs. Clinton Cashing, 1705 I Street, will

Mrs. Invid Adler, of Pittsburg, Pa. visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Abel, 621 K. Street, northwest, A.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Powell France have tahen apartments at the Pebbleton, where they are permanently located.

Miss Mabel Stier, of this city, will be

married this evening to Mr. Frank Good-

win, of Senttle, Wash. The wedding will er, Mrs. Engene Byrnes, 233 Thirteenth The United States Ambaccador to Great Britain and Mrs. Choate, who have been hold on Saturday it was accepted. Charles making a short visit to this city, nero

entertained at a dinner of twenty-four board of trustees at their January muct covers last night by Mr. and Mrs. Dimock. institution for twenty-eight years. The faculty passed a resolution expressing Mrs. J. Care, of Brooklyn, N. Y. and

Mrs. I. Ollendorff, of New York City, are visiting their brother, Mr. H. Kronhelmer of 634 L Street northwest.

Sale for Home for Incurables. For what has been often called the worthiest of charitles the Home for Incurables-Miss E. D. Bouldin held a sale last night at hor home, 1211 Thirteenth Street northwest. It was an auction of fancy articles witch were donated

by many society women who are interest-ed in Miss Bouldin's work. After the auction from which a goodly sum was realized, the hostess served supper.

### same footing as proposed with eleman-garine, but no takes are to be imposed Veterana Elect Officers. The following officers were elected at

neeting of G.o J. M. Scholield Garrison Extension of Contracts. No. 1. Monday evening: Commander, W. The District Commissioners yesterds M. Champion: Senior Vice Commander utherized the extension of contracts for Leon Chaputs: Junior Vice Community mbile works as follows: Contract No. 2020, with Dunn's Mountain Granite Quarry, for Emil Walter: Adjount. V. H. Pinckney. Quartermaster (twellib term), I. J. Mel. furnishing granite curbing, sixty days choir: Payenster, Thomas Morris, Surgeon, Dr. F. Denghue, Officer of the Day, Sons, for repairing and changing plumb-ing in the Addison and Curtis School buildings, January 18, 1982, without pen-J. G. Maymard; (Officer of the Goard, Samuel T. Thorman; Officer of the Watch, W. H. Hugor Executive Cauncil, C. Weber, John Kelly, A. Berlizheimer. The next identity, will be held with the Ladier' Auxiliary Corps, when the new officers will be invaried. Andreases were Parliamentary Class.

santiamentary class, Daughters the American Revolution, will be organmade by Commander J. Maynard, Adjutant terd this evening at the Scottish Rite General Drenman/sof the National Corps; Surgeon General Florence Denahus, and Vice Commander Leon Chapmis. Hall, 1607 G Street northwest, at 7:30 a'clack It will be conducted beshir and Mr. II. G. Critchfield.

## MAY SELL ESTATES IN TRUST.

Anthorizing Procedure When All Parties Are Agreed.

Senator Martin has introduced a bili It was authoritatively asserted at the authorizing the District Supreme Court to forces the sale or lease of land in which ite agreement had yet been reached with one or more persons are entitled to an estate for life or years, or to an estate ail, fee simple, conditional, base, or qualified fee, or any particular limited or conditional estate in lands, and any person or persons are entitled to a remainder emainders, vested or contingent, or an executory devise or devises, or any other nterest, vested or contingent, in the same land, on application of any of the parties has been submitted to King Christian and,

in interest. as soon as he affixes his signature, the The court may, if all the parties in bedocument will be submitted to the Sening are parties to the proceeding, decree a sale or lease thereof if it shall appear to be advantageous to the parties conerned, and shall direct the investment of the proceeds of sale or the limitations of the reversion and rent, as the case may e, so as to inure in like manner as by the original grant to the use of the same parties who would be entitled to the land

sold or leased.

All such decrees shall bind all persons "who claim or may claim any interest in said land under any of the parties to said decree, or under any person from whom any of the parties to such decree claim, or from or under or by the original deed or will by which such particular, limited, or conditional estates, with remainders or executory devises, were created." Members of the German Concording resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers and that it be communicated by the President to the Government of Great Britain was signed by members and friends of the German Concordia Church,

## KING OF SIAM NOT COMING.

Crown Prince Intended Making Trip But May Not Do So.

Senator Frye of Maine introduced bill yesterday authorizing the Government to extend an invitation to the King had been arranged by the members of of Siam to be the guest of the United States during his visit to this country, and providing for an appropriation of such dren of the Boers, who are kept in con-centration camps in South Africa, and among whom the sick and death rate has sum as may be needed to pay the expenses of his entertainment.

assumed appalling preportions. The chapel was crowded with sympathizers of the Boer cause and the proceeds of the entertainment have been taken in charge The bill was introduced at the reques of the State Department, official notification baving been received a few days ago from United States Consul Harrilton King, at Bangkok, that his Majesty the King of Siam was about to pay a country of the South African Republic, was present and made a short address in which he set forth in graphic language, the horrible death rate which prevails royal visit to the United States,

It turns out, however, that somebody's clerk erred in drawing up the bill, and it should have said Crown Prince instead of King. The King is not coming, and it now develops that it is not altogether certain that the Prince will make the trip. A careful reading of Consul King's despatch shows that it says he "may" come. Perhaps the fact that the name 'King' was signed to the despatch led to the mistake of putting the father into Senator Frye's bill instead of the son, In connection with this incident it is interesting to note that it is customary for this Government to invite any crown prince who may visi the United States, or rown princess either, to be the guest of the nation, and accept the best free of

## WHY WASHINGTON WON.

Advantages of Holding National G. A. R. Encampment Here.

Mr. Israel W. Stone commander of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.: Mr. Barry Buckley, secretary Washington Business Men's Association and Mr. S. the purpose of getting adherents of your B. Hege, representing the railrest intercandidate into office. As to the charge ests of the city, returned last evening that the Central Board of Sential has in many of his official confreres. The mean called for a great many more things than from Chicago, where they successfully ssum, notably sea food, and flagons presented the claims of Washington befrom numerous bottles postmarked fore the executive council of administra-tion, G. A. R., which is charged with de-termining the place of holding the annual centre piece, covering the glossy napery stood a "Mars Possum," on guard over a litter of little ones, ambushed in banks

One advantage Washington offered was the railroad rate of one cent per mile in the territory of the Central Traffic Association making an average of about one

Another thing which led to the selection of Washington is the great sentiment in favor of the Capital City throughout the country. The old soldiers like to march up Pennsylvania Avenue, as it recalls memories of the days of Grant, Sherman, will be heaved by the ladies of dinner will be acryed by the ladies of

and Logan.

The date for the en ampment has not been set, but it will be some time in september. It will require about \$75,000 to entertain the veterans who will attend.

J. W. Humphrey, accompanied by Dr. J.

### RARE PICTURE DISCOVERED. Portrait of Martha Washington

FLORA, Ind., Dec. 17.-Mrs. James L.

Found in Indiana Farmhouse.

## BANK CLERKS TO ORGANIZE.

Punishment for Repeated Off-nees, Will Join National Association This Secretary Gage has sent to Congress : Evening. draft of a bill providing additional pan The Washington bank cierks will orbehinents upon second or other convicganize a chapter of the American Bank tions under the laws against counterfelt-

Clerks' Association at a meeting to be held tenight in the rooms of the Washington Stoch Exchange. It is understood that a large proportion

## MEDALS FOR ALL OR NONE.

An Old Soldier Objects to Mepr intice Cowherd's Bill. To the Eilitor of The Times:

I notice in The Evening Times. previous date that the Hon. Mr. Cowherd, of Missouri, has introduced in the House of Representatives a hill granting a silver medal to every soldier of the United resignation. At a meeting of the faculty States A.my who served in the Spanish-American war, the medal to be of such design as the Secretary of War may di-

> As to the principle invalved in Mr. Cowherd's proposition and the merit i jection to make. No soldiers ever fought more bravely or accomplished more in so short a time. They are worthy of any hadge of honor that Congress may feel disposed to award them. Mr. Cowherd entitled to much credit for the first step along the new time of legislative re-ognition of a soldier's part services. But just why Mr. Cowherd should wish to confer such special honors upon the fer and leave out the many caughty meditor; ous is a question the honorable genite man from Missouri should answer.

The time is not ripe for such discrim-inating legislation. If Congress desire to offer any further expression of a grate to affer any further expression of a grate rul country's appreciation of its soldiers past services it can do so by extending the provisions of Mr. (Towherd's bill so that it will include the surviving officer and soldiers of all the warr, whether rvice was rendered on land or se

or the same service than any other has. We all fought for the same cause with allegance to the same flag, and there should not be a desire on the part of our National Assembly to make such a distinction as is proposed in Mr. Cow-herd's bill.

Speaking for myself, I served over thre diers and railors of the wars of 1812 and 1846 and provided like badges of honor for them. Medals to all or none, is my motto. Will, H. S. BANKS. Late Captain Company C. Ninth Michigan

Cavaley. Washington, December 17.

## MERIT PAY TO CONTINUE.

Enlisted Men Put on Retired List Entitled to Bounty.

An enlisted man who has been granted certificate of merit and who is placed on the retired list is entitled to receive thereafter, as part of his pay, the full \$3 per month awarded with the certificate. according to a decision just rendered by he Comptroller of the Treasury.

Mr. Mitchell, the Assistant Comptroler, who decided the question, says:

When an enlisted man shall have disinguished himself in the service, the President may grant him, on the recom-mendation of the commanding officer of the regiment or the chief of the corps to which such man belongs, a certificate of merit, which shall entitle him to additional pay at the rate of \$1 per month while be is in the military service, although such service may not be continu-

given to him not as a part of the pay of his rank, which applies to all en-listed men, but because of special merit in the soldier, and because of some dis-tinguished service he has performed, and attaches to him as an individual without regard to his rank or length of service, and is to be paid to him while he is in the military service; and I am of the opinion, and so decide, that he is entitled to the whole of it, whether he is upon the active or retired list, while he is in the military service.

### REFUEES MASO APPEAL.

Mr. Root Says to Grant It Would Postpone Cuba's Independence.

Secretary Root has sent a caustic letter Senor Pierra, envoy of the Maso party in Cuba, who came to Washington to protest that the Cuban elective officials # ere in sympathy with the candidacy of Senor Palma for the Presidency. Secretary Root BRYS:

"The application for a posiponement of the Cuban election presented by you on Saturday, December 14, in behalf of the upporters of General Maso as a candidate for President of Cubs, has been care.

fully considered. The effect of granting the application would be to prolong the American occupation and postpone the independence of Cuba and the control of the Island by the government of her own people. The substance of the reasons which you present is that the Central Board of Scrutiny as now constituted is compared of gentlemen, none of whom is in favor of General Maso, and all of whom are in favor of General Palms, and you declare that board is unfair and will be unfair in the performance of its duties.

"The board to which you refer was constituted without reference to any candidate, and before any candidates had been nominated. It consisted of the Precident and four of the distinguished members of the Constitutional Convention elected by the people of Cuba to provide for the es-tablishment of the new government, "Since the board was thus constituted,

candidates for the Presidency have been nominated, and it happens that you and your friends have nominated a candidate who has no adherent on the board. That furnishes no ground for turning the board out of office or postponing the election and overturning the election machinery carefully provided by the representatives of the Cuban people in convention assemfact proved to be unfair, something beere assertion is necessary."

### FOREFATHERS' DAY. How' It Will Be Observed by the

Congregational Club. The Washington Congregational Club will celebrate Forefathers' Day, Friday,

W. Bischoff. The theme of the evening, 'Old Principles and New Conditions, The New American-His Debt to His Fors-

The introduction. "The Composite Marshall, of Fort Wayne, while visiting American," will be discussed by Dr. Merin this community, saw an old portrait of rill Edward Gates, President of the club. Martha Washington in the house of John Hon, Henry B. F. Macfarland, President Lowe a farmer, near this city, and of the Commissioners of the District of urchased it for \$15.

She later learned that it was one of the Scotch-Irish Element." Hon. Jesseyh She later learned that it was one of the the Secteh-Irish Elemant: Hon, Joseph rare early-day paintings of the affe of V. Quaries, Ll. D. United States Senator the first President of the United States from Wisconsin, to "The Larger Ideal." from Wisconsin, to "The Larger Ideal, From the West and the Northwest," Hon. John W. Foster, LL. D., formerly Secretary of State, to "The Demand Upon the New American, Face to Face With the Orient," and the Rev. T. De Witt Telmage, D. D. who will treat the subject, "Our Forefathers."

### The celebration will close with the sing-ing of the bymn entitled, "O God, Beneath The Guiding Hand," followed by the benedietion. CONGRATULATIONS ON TREATY.

Lord Pannecfote Extends His Vellel-

intions to Mr. Hav. Lord Pauncefate, the British Ambassador, had a talk with Secretary Hay yesterday about the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, a which congratulations over its ratification by the Senate were exchanged.
A certified copy of the trenty as ratified will be sent to King Edward, who will hen confirm it for the British Cr ratifications will be formally exchanged by Mr. Hay and Lord Punncefote. This will be the last not necessary to put the treaty

is believed at the State Department hat the exchange will be made within a

### RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL Especied It Will He Reported Early in February.

The Committee on Rivers and Harbors innounced yesterday it wanted all hearngs to close by the 25th of January, 1902. This means that Chaleman Burton will me no time in perfecting the rivers and o the House early in February. is not believed that it will carry gore than the hill of last year—in rot mabers \$80,000,000.

### old Guard's Enchre Party. The members of the Old Guard gave a

schre party hast night to comrades and clends in the G. A. R. Hall which was argely attended. There were about wenty prizes offered, the first being a ton argely attended. of coal, and the second a water set. The and prize was won by Kapt. Fred

## Land Laws for Alaska

Senator Foster of Washington proposes o introduce a bill to extend the land laws the United States to Alaska, and failing he passage of this not be will present a bill to allow the interior Departme lease grazing lands in Alaska unde same laws as in the United States. iderable interest is taken in this sub ect, as the grazing lands of Alaska are reputed to be very valuable, and belong almost entirely to the Government.